

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
For
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
March 22, 2005

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- DTSC sampled a private well on Hillside Avenue on March 18, 2005. The resident reported that he has been using the well for irrigation and drinking water. We recommended that he stop using the well water until we can determine if it contains TCE (trichloroethene), perchlorate, or other chemicals that may have migrated from the Wyle property. We anticipate getting the sampling results within two weeks.
- DTSC is reviewing the proposed cleanup plan for the groundwater and soil vapors in the offsite area northwest of the Wyle property (primarily Golden West Lane, Hillside Avenue, and Third Street). The plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW), presents and evaluates various cleanup options that will reduce the potential exposure to residents from TCE, perchlorate, and other contaminants that have migrated into that area. Cleanup measures may include treating the soil and/or groundwater to remove TCE and other chemicals and pull them back from the offsite area. The cleanup in this northwest area will be only one part of the overall cleanup of contamination on and around the Wyle property. Once DTSC and Wyle have agreed on a proposed cleanup method, the proposal will be offered for public review and comment before a final decision is made.
- DTSC is reviewing the progress of the cleanup of chemical vapors from inside the home on Golden West Lane where TCE and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were found in the indoor air during sampling conducted last October. The document describing this cleanup is the “Technical MemorandumTM Summarizing Results of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Sampling and Mitigation Activities, and Scope of Work for Additional IAQ Sampling in Northwest Area.” The TM describes the measures taken at the home, which included installing a new ventilation system to clear the vapors out of the indoor air. The TM also describes the proposed continued monitoring of the home. DTSC is reviewing the TM to determine if VOCs have been effectively removed from the indoor air, and if the monitoring program proposed for the home is acceptable.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- DTSC project manager Juan Osornio and public participation specialist Kim Foreman attended the Norco City Council meeting on March 16, 2005, and updated the Council on the Wyle project status. Mr. Osornio discussed the results of the recent sampling along Golden West Lane, Third Street, and Hillside

Avenue, and plans for further sampling in that area. At the Council's request, DTSC staff attends the monthly meetings to update the Council on Wyle project status and address their questions and concerns.

- DTSC project manager Juan Osornio, project supervisor Shahir Haddad, public participation specialist Kim Foreman, public participation supervisor Mona Arteaga, and public information officer Jeanne Garcia attended the Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting on March 17, 2005. Mr Osornio and Mr. Haddad gave an update on groundwater and soil gas sampling results along Golden West Lane, Third Street, and Hillside Avenue, and plans for further sampling in that area; the private well sampling; and the fracture analysis. Staff also answered questions from the CAG and community members.
- DTSC will hold a public meeting on April 26, 2005 to update the community on the Wyle project. The agenda will include the latest sampling results from groundwater, soil gas, and private wells; the progress of the cleanup plans for the Golden West Lane/Hillside Avenue/Third Street area northwest of the site; the fracture analysis to look for groundwater pathways; and other recent activities.